



Foreign Affairs Manual

2 FAM – General

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2 FAM 220 IMMUNITIES OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AND ESTABLISHMENTS ABROAD

Changes

1. Changes were made to miscellaneous sections. More significant changes are:
 - **2 FAM 227.1, Policy [re Requests for Asylum by Foreign Nationals]**
 - Requests for protection made by foreign nationals at posts should be dealt with on an individual basis.
 - The Bureau of Intelligence and Research issues annual instructions to posts by cable on how to handle requests for asylum.
 - **2 FAM 227.2, Background [re Requests for Asylum]**
 - In routine cases involving asylum-seekers from third countries, refer individuals to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
 - Posts may not grant or in any way promise “asylum” to any foreign national.
 - **2 FAM 228 and 2 FAM 229**
 - These sections were deleted. The relevant material is included in 2 FAM 227.
2. **Change Transmittal** has replaced the term Transmittal Letter. Change Transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission.

3. Revisions since the last update appear in *italic* and *dark magenta*. Other than formal titles, the italic will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes appear in italic, which provides an historical record of changes.
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